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PLEASE! NO BODY SPEAK! I CAN'T BE DISTRACTED!

NONSENSE! BOBBY! SHE'LL ACCOMPLISH IT WITH EASE!

A FEW SECONDS LATER...

EXCELLENT, JEAN! YOU'VE REFINED YOUR POWER TO AN ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE DEGREE!

BUT TO YOU, I'LL NEVER BE ANYTHING MORE THAN MARVEL GIRL!

TERRIF JEANIE! IF YOU HAD ICE POWER, TOO, YOU'D BE PERFECT!

ALMOST AS UNBELIEVABLE AS YOUR BEAUTY, WHICH LEAVES ME BREATHLESS!
THANK YOU, SCOTT!

I'VE GOT TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT! WHEN SHE STANDS THIS CLOSE TO ME, I FORGET EVERYTHING BUT MY DESIRE TO REACH OUT...TO EMBRACE HER!

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S WARREN? I DON'T SEE HIM HERE!

THAT'S RIGHT! HE HASN'T BEEN HERE!

WE'D BETTER CHECK! HE'S NEVER MISSED A TRAINING SESSION BEFORE!

I'LL GO WITH YOU, SCOTT!

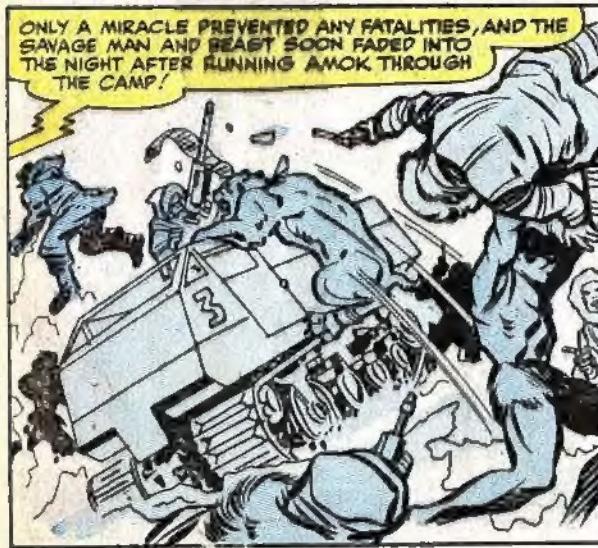
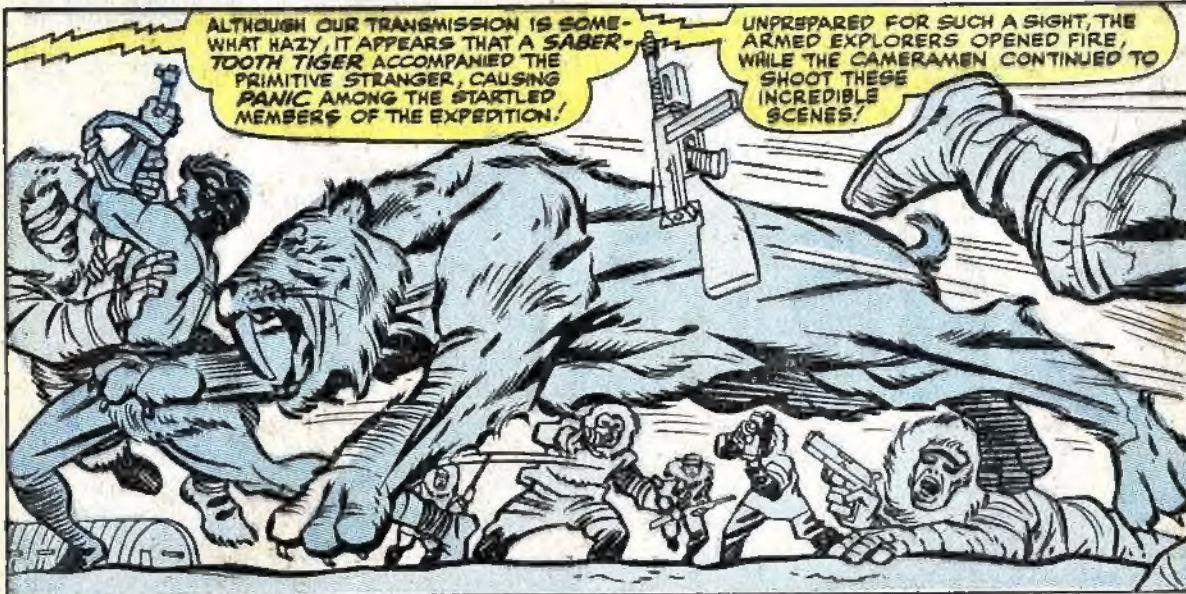
THE BEAST SHALL ALSO ACCOMPANY YOU!

WE'LL TRY HIS ROOM FIRST, AND...

THERE HE IS!

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BE WITH YOU IN A SEC, SCOTT! I JUST WANT TO SEE THIS!



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PROFESSOR! WE'VE JUST SEEN THE MOST AMAZING THING ON T.V.!

HE'S OBVIOUSLY A MUTANT, SIR! AND HE APPEARS TO BE A DANGEROUS ONE!

I KNOW, SCOTT! WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY CONTACTED ME ABOUT THE ANTARCTIC WILD MAN, AS THEY CALL HIM!

BOY! THE SOUTH POLE IS ONE PLACE WHERE YOU'LL FIND FREELIFE AT HOME!



THERE IS NO NEED TO CONCERN YOURSELVES, MY X-MEN! HE IS NOT A MUTANT.

BUT, SIR... HOW CAN YOU BE SO CERTAIN???

IF HE WERE A TRUE MUTANT, MY SENSITIVE CEREBRO MACHINE WOULD HAVE RECORDED HIS PRESENCE! ALSO I WOULD HAVE MENTALLY SENSED IT! AND YET...

AWW, IT'S BEEN WEEKS SINCE WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO USE ALL OUR TRAINING!



IT IS TRUE THAT YOU'VE BEEN INACTIVE FOR WEEKS... AND BEING YOUNG AND ADVENTUROUS, SUCH A MISSION MIGHT BE GOOD FOR YOUR MORALE! SO... YOU MAY INVESTIGATE THE ANTARCTIC WILD MAN!

THANK YOU, PROFESSOR!

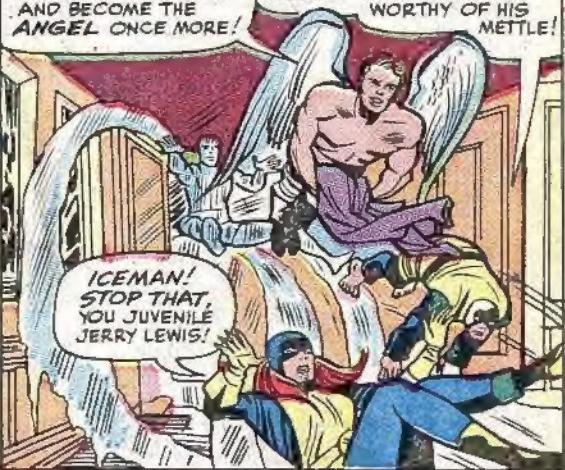
A MISSION AT LAST!

HOT DOG!



AHHH! WHAT A RELIEF TO GET MY WINGS UNSTRAPPED AND BECOME THE ANGEL ONCE MORE!

AN UNTAMED, MARAUDING SAVAGE! AT LAST THE BEAST WILL HAVE A FOE WORTHY OF HIS METtle!



MEANWHILE, THE X-MEN'S DEPUTY LEADER REMAINS FOR A LAST MINUTE BRIEFING WITH THE PROFESSOR...

YOU WILL NOTICE, SCOTT, HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE THAT MY MASTER CEREBRO ANALYZER, ALTHOUGH FOCUSED UPON THE ANTARCTIC REGIONS, REGISTERS THE PRESENCE OF NO MUTANTS IN THAT AREA!

DIFFERENT DANGER THAN ANY YOU HAVE EVER FACED BEFORE!

I ASSUME BY YOUR WORDS, SIR, THAT YOU DO NOT INTEND TO COME ON THIS MISSION WITH US?...



NO, CYCLOPS! YOU HAVE ALL COMPLETED YOUR BASIC TRAINING, AND PROVEN YOURSELVES ON OTHER MISSIONS! MY WORK IS HERE! GOOD LUCK!

THANK YOU, SIR! WE SHALL NOT DISAPPOINT YOU!



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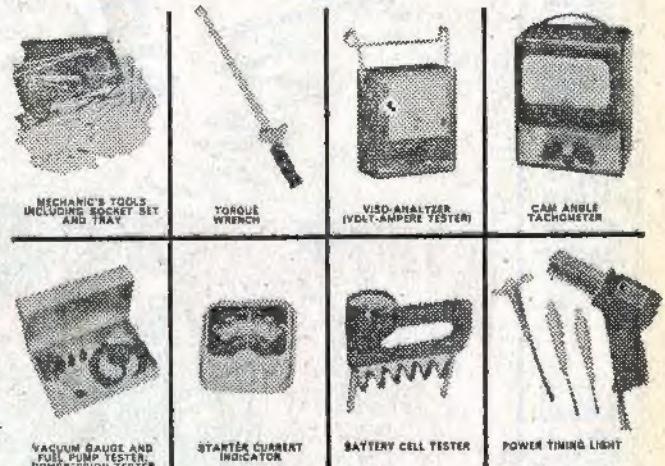
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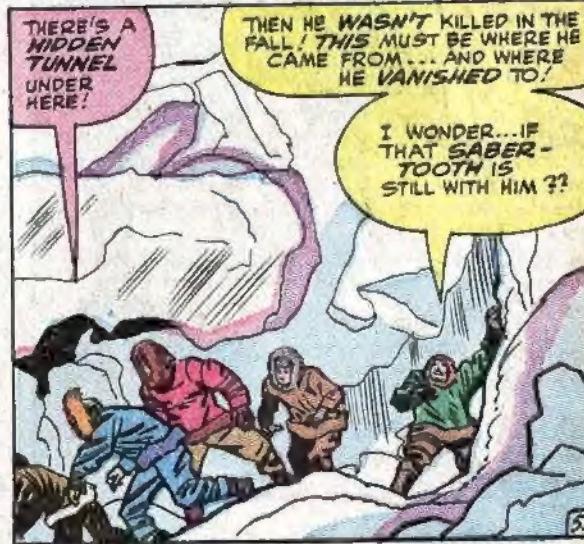
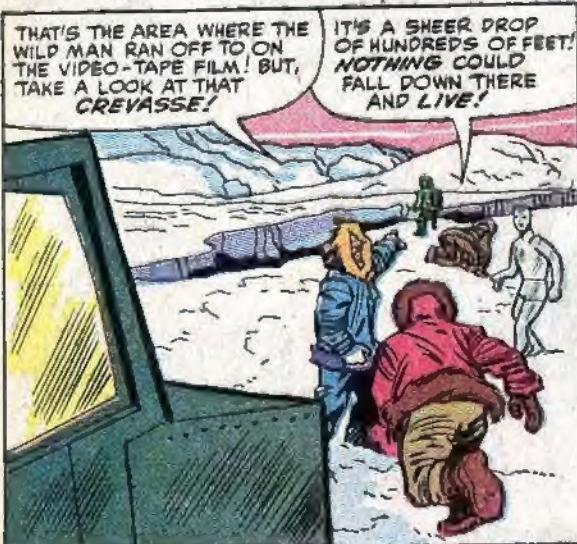
DAYS LATER, HAVING LANDED AT A PREARRANGED BASE WITHIN THE MYSTERIOUS POLAR REGION, THE X-MEN BEGIN THE NEXT LAP OF THEIR JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN ...

LOOKS LIKE MY WINGS WON'T DO ME MUCH GOOD HERE, GANG! IT'S TOO COLD TO TAKE OFF THIS PARKA, SO I CAN'T USE THEM!

DON'T COUNT ON IT, ANGEL! WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE HEADING INTO! REMEMBER, THAT WILD MAN ONLY WORE A LOIN CLOTH!

MILES AND MILES OF NOTHING BUT NOTHING! HOW CAN LAND SUCH AS THIS HOLD A MYSTERY?

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO FIND OUT, JEAN!



THEN, AFTER
WHAT SEEMS
LIKE HOURS OF
DESCENDING...



SCOUTING AHEAD, THE AWE-STRICKEN ANGEL
SOON SEES...



THEN, EMERGING FROM THE
GIGANTIC CAVE, ANGEL
HEARS A BLOOD-CURDLING
SCREECH ABOVE, AND
TURNS AROUND TO FIND...

PTERODACTYLS!! BIRDS
FROM THE DINOSAUR
ERA! H-HOW CAN IT BE??



BUT, THE WINGED
MUTANT HAS NO
TIME FOR IDLE
SPECULATION...
AS THE FLYING
KILLERS ATTACK....!





BUT SUDDENLY, THE YOUTHFUL MUTANTS AMUSED
INTEREST TURNS TO UNBELIEVING SHOCK, AS
THEY SEE ...

SCOTT! ALL
OF YOU! LOOK!
CHARGING TOWARDS
US FROM THE UNDER-
BRUSH WHAT'S
THAT??!

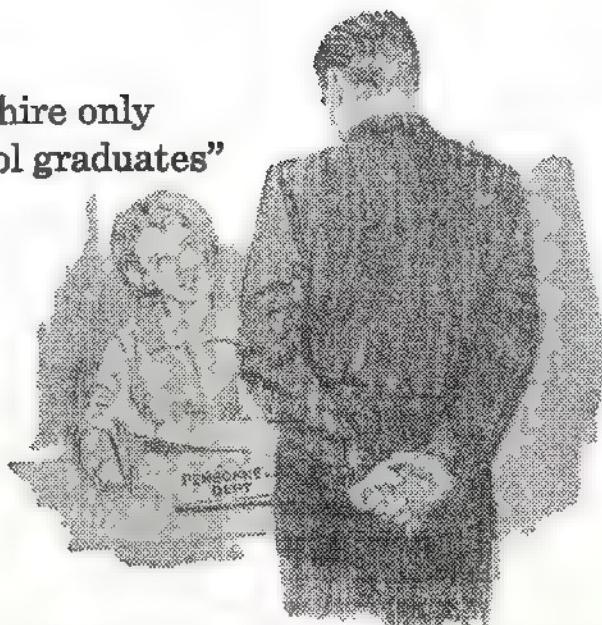
X-MEN!! ON THE
DOUBLE! PREPARE
FOR BATTLE!

PRIMITIVE WARRIORS!!
MOUNTED ON GIANT
CARNIVOROUS BIRDS!!
THEY'RE ABOUT TO
ATTACK US WITH
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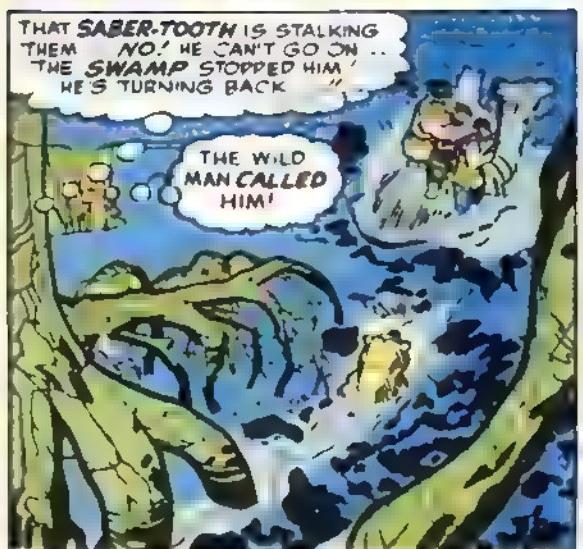
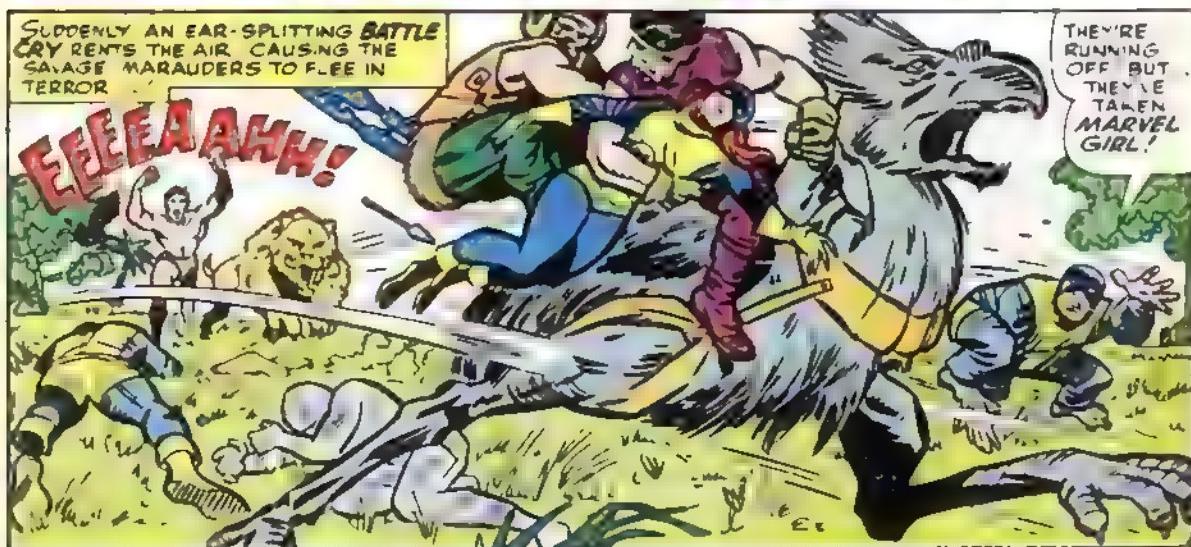
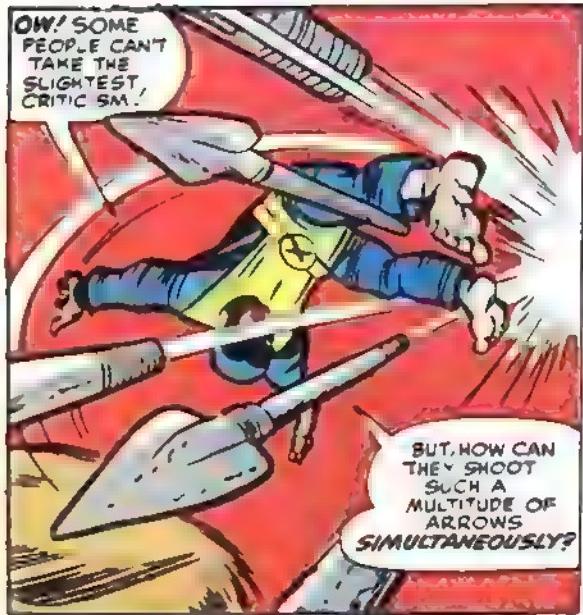
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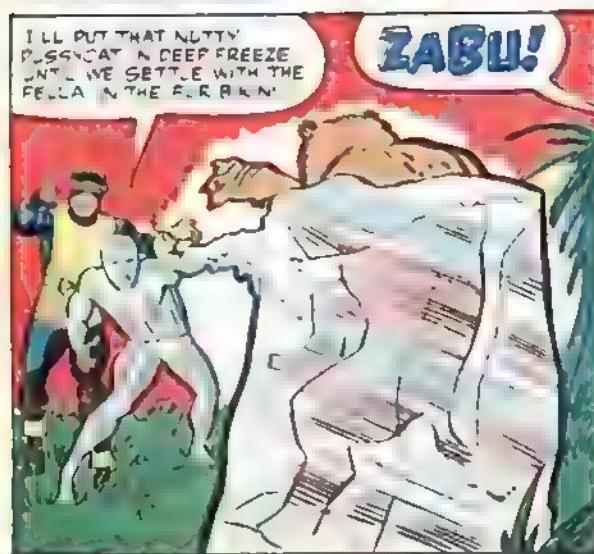
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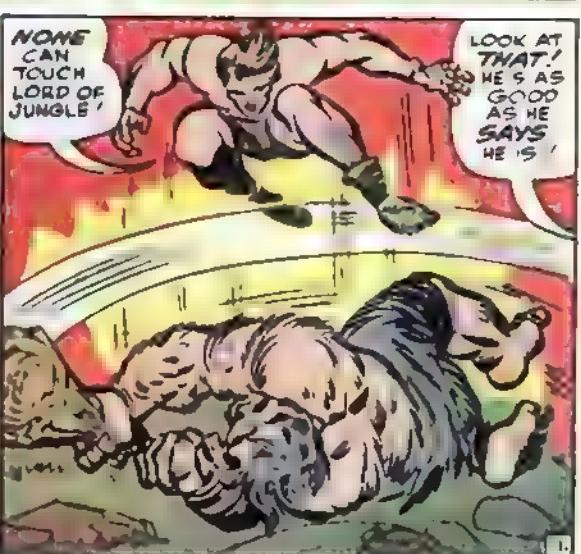
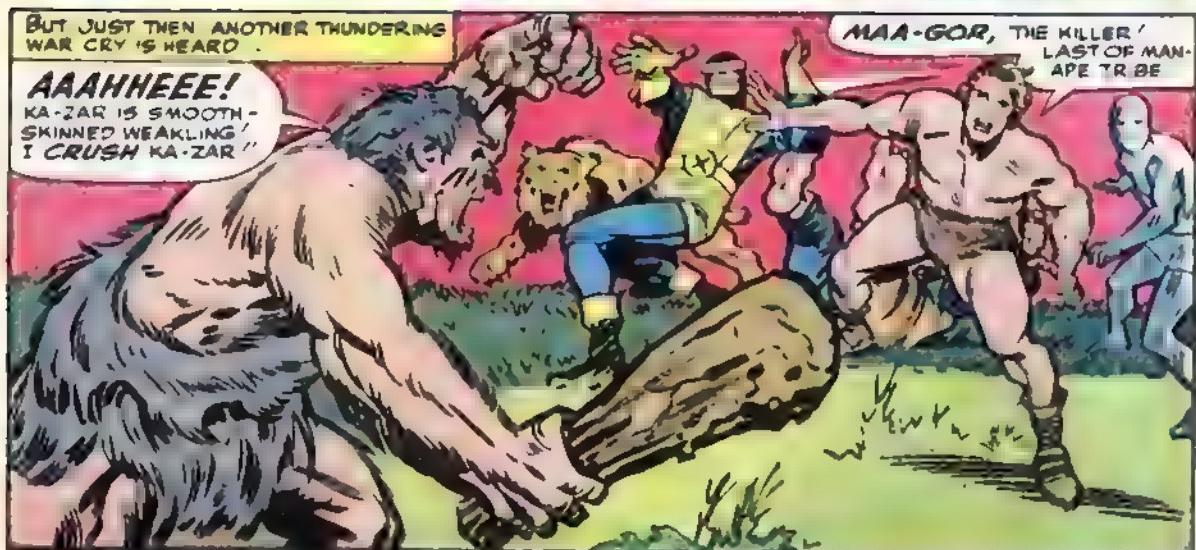
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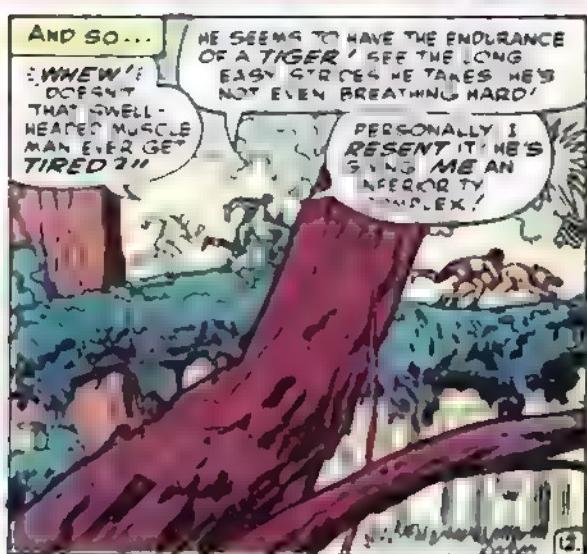
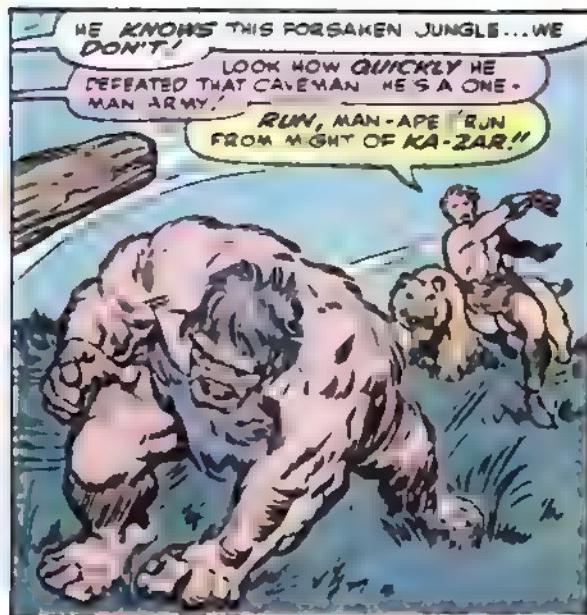
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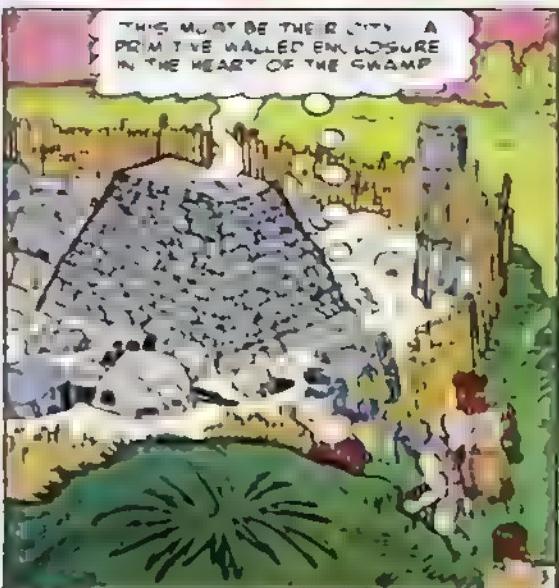


MEANWHILE SOME DISTANCE AHEAD, WE FIND THE ANGEL, STILL UPON HIS SCOUTING MISSION ...

IT'S THE STRANGEST FEELING I'VE EVER KNOWN.

I'M ACTUALLY FLYING IN A WORLD THAT SHOULD HAVE DIED A MILLION YEARS AGO!

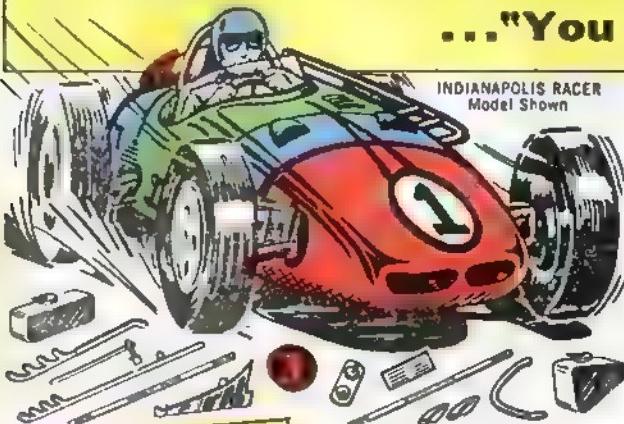
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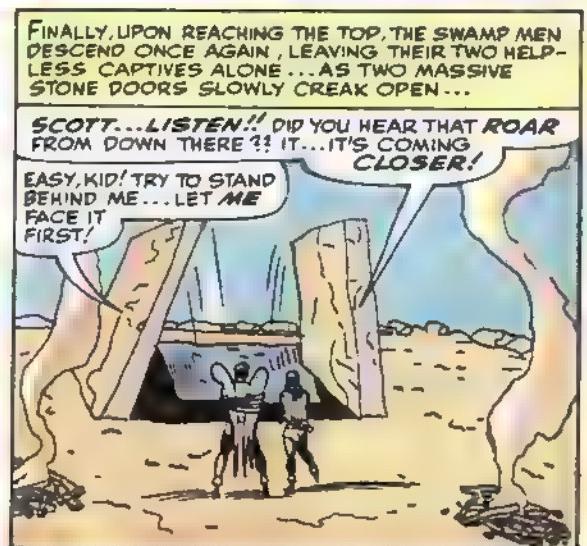
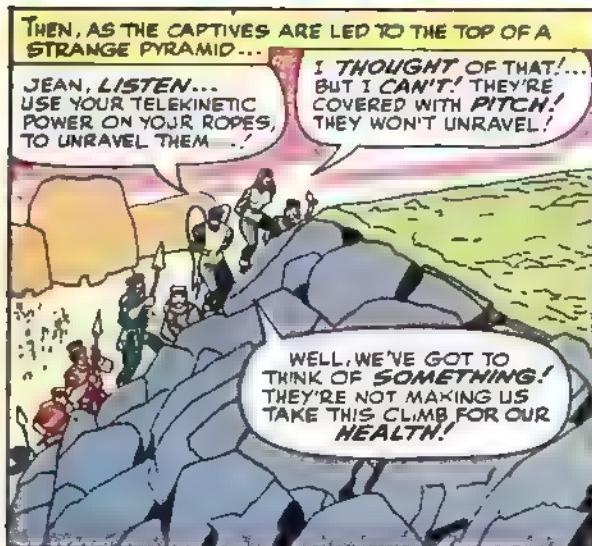
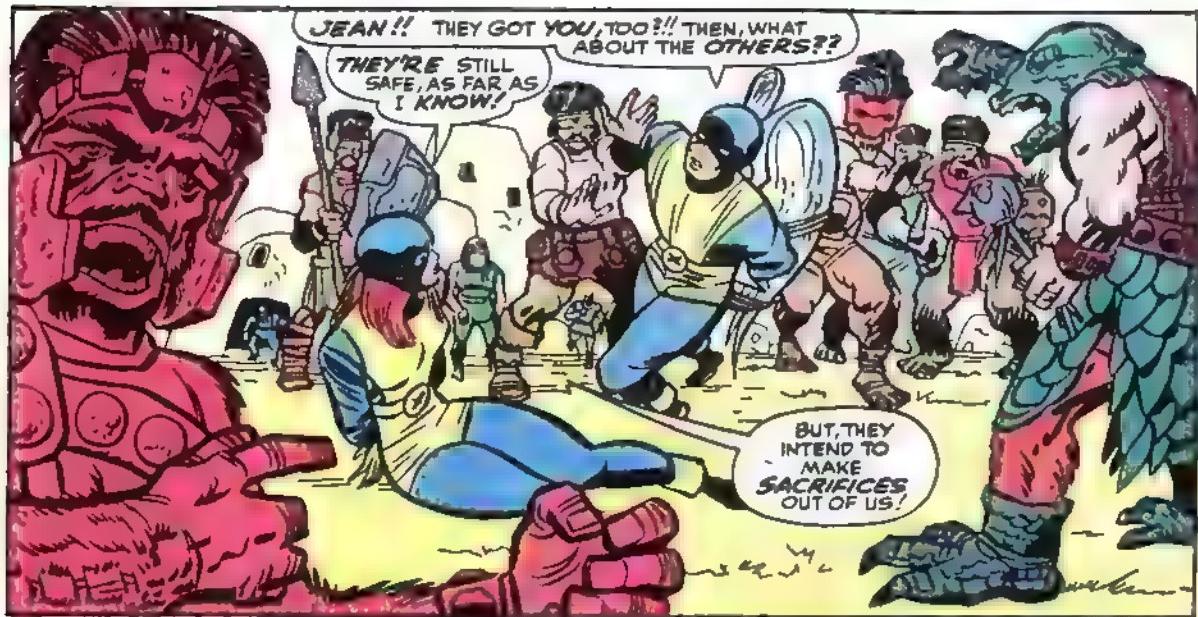
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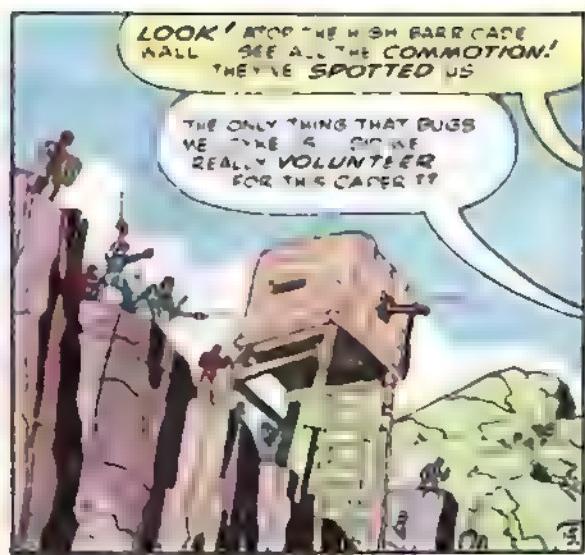
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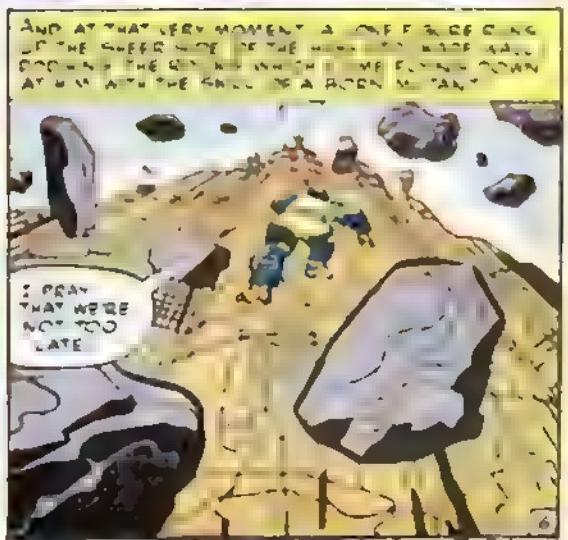
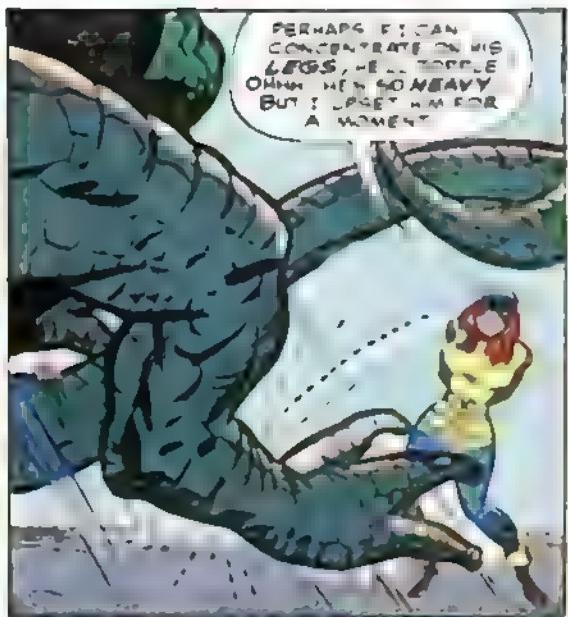
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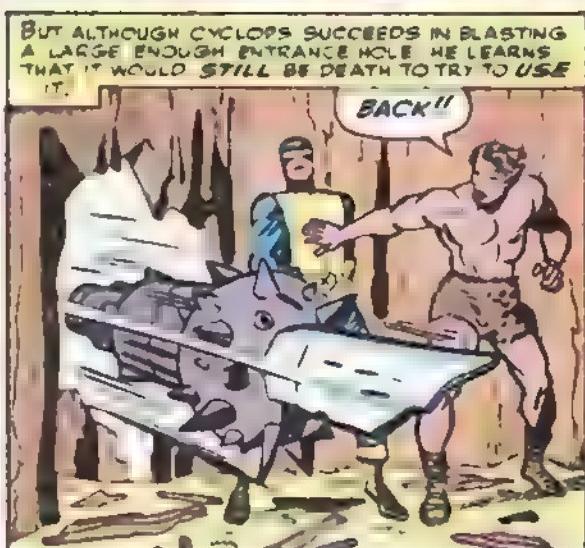
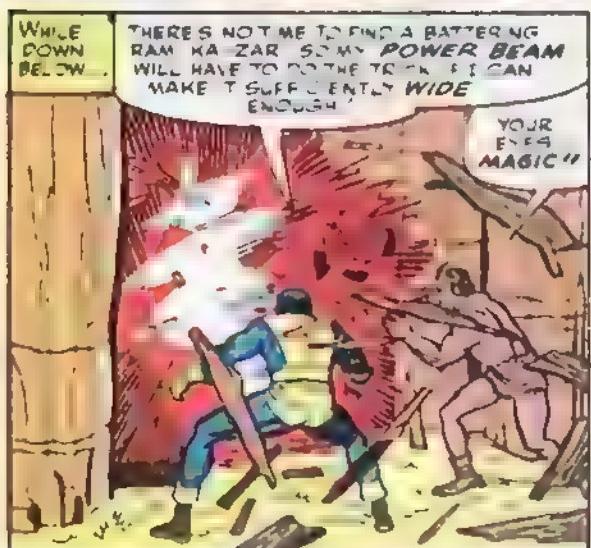
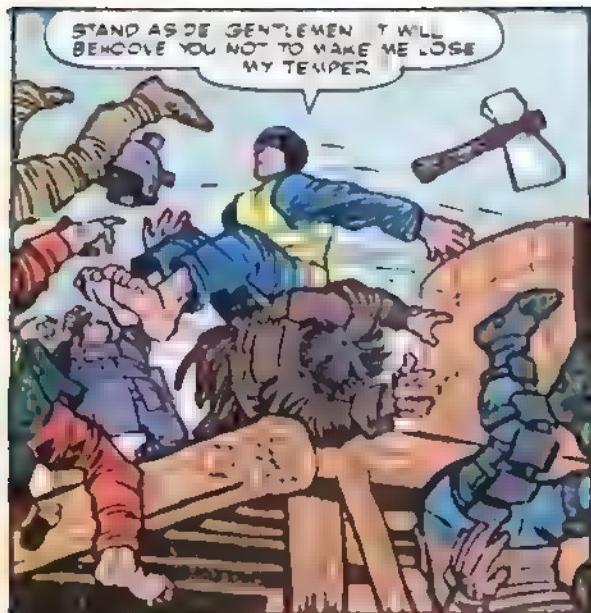
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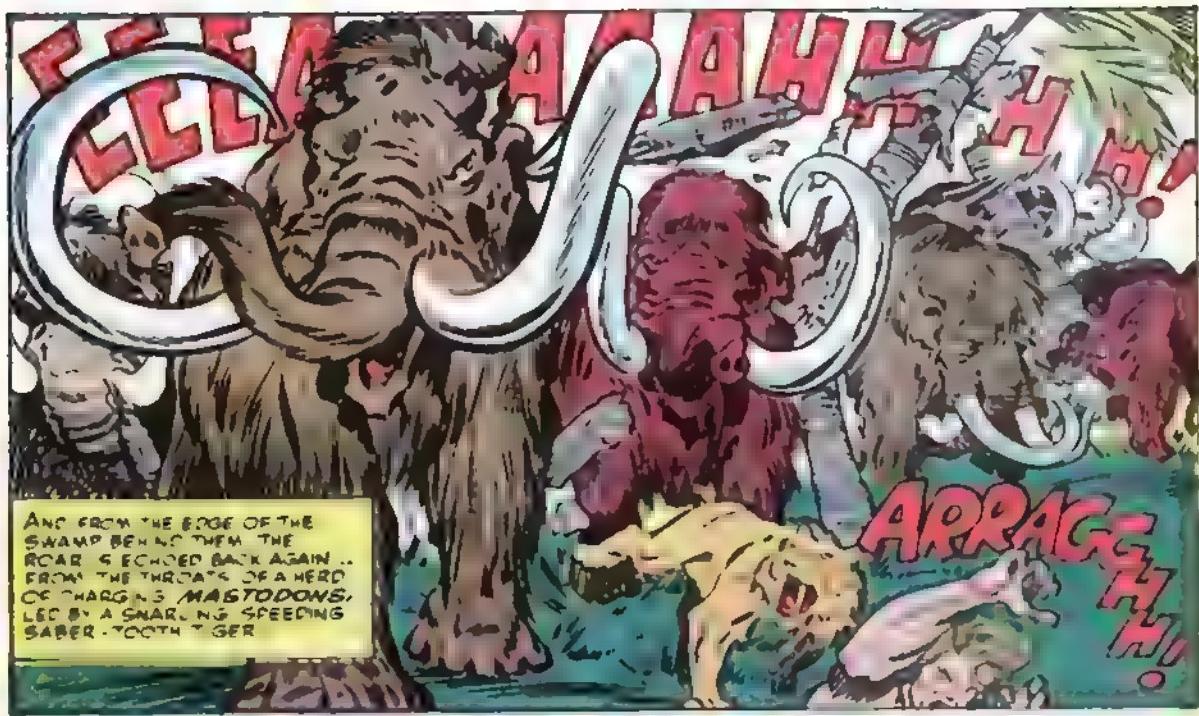
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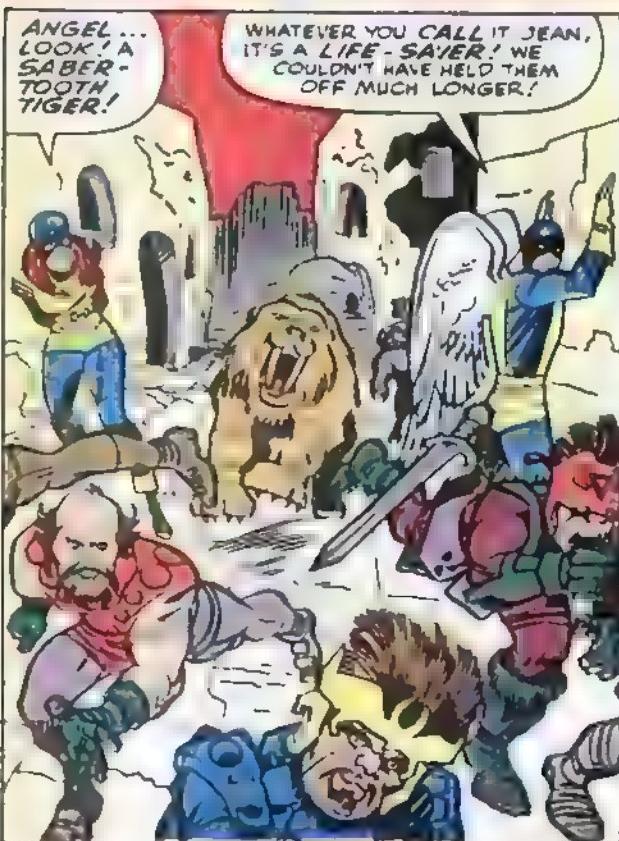
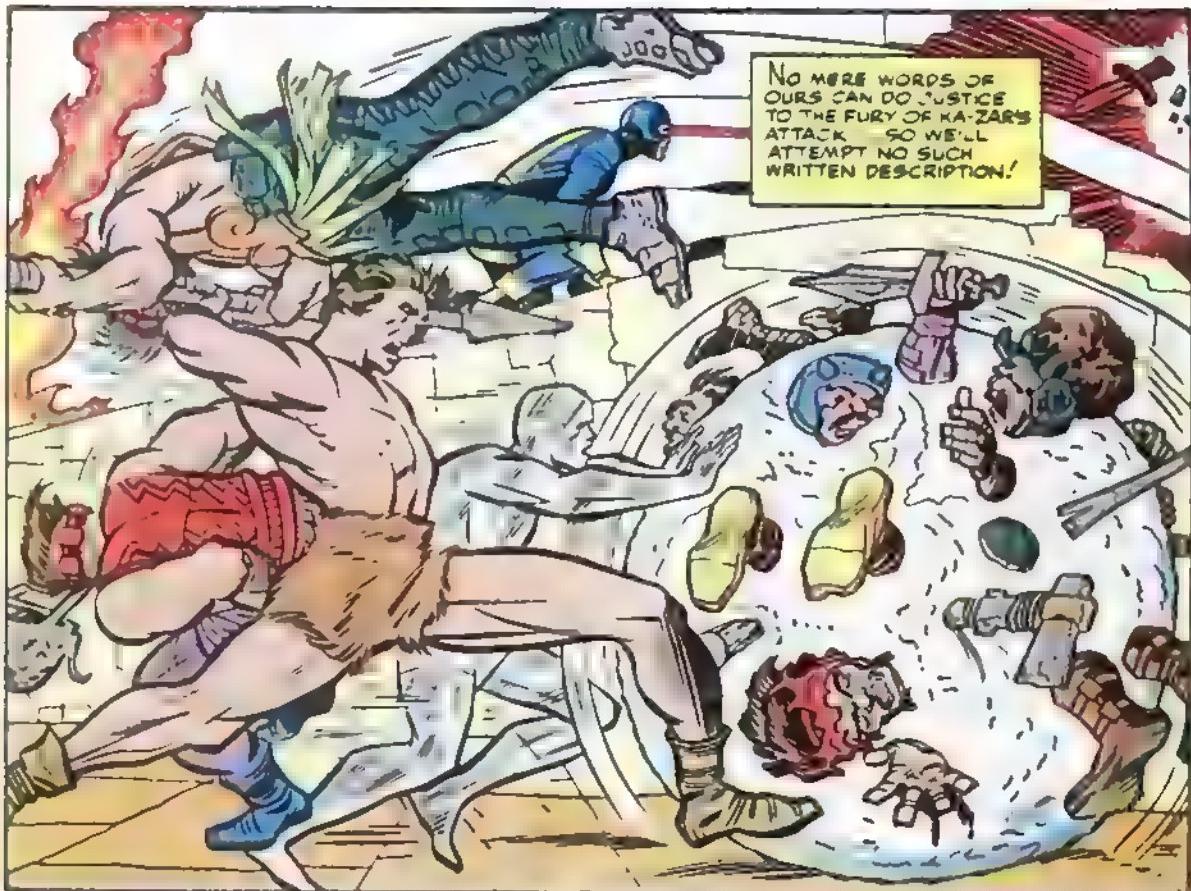
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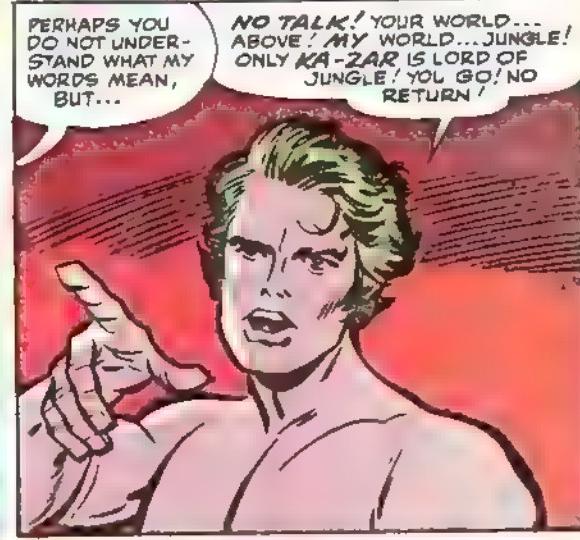
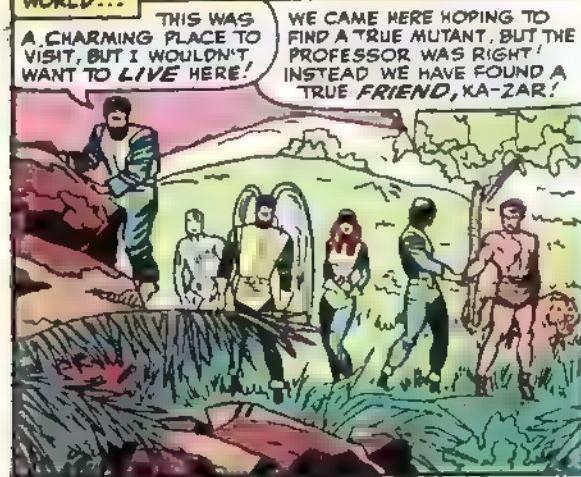








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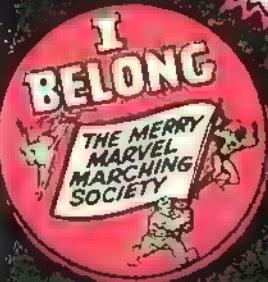
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Let's visit the **X-MEN**

Dear Stan and Jack,

To begin with, I think Marvel Comics are the best, and all your characters are the greatest. To me, however, the X-MEN are tops! The reason is that I am a nurse (student type, at least) and being a part (however minute) of the medical profession makes me aware of the possibility that mutants can occur! Anyway, I'm crazy about them! One or two questions if you please - where did Professor X come from? Where did the X-Men come from? How did the Professor get them all together? Especially, I'd like to know more about Professor X since I'm madly in love with him. He's just my type, so more, please! You're all great, and I'll always remain an X-(wo)man at heart!

Barbara Hannah, 1619 N. 25th St.
Birmingham 4, Ala.

Good to hear from you, Babs! As for your questions, we'll be showing more and more of the X-Men's past in issues to come—so bear with us! Also, we promise to reveal interesting facts about Professor Xavier's earlier years, too. (Who knows, you may even some day see him with hair!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

Instead of wasting your time with lavish praise for the masterpiece that was X-MEN #8, which serves no purpose other than expanding your pointy little heads, I'll confine myself to questions, criticism and suggestions designed to bring your mag closer to the perfection it's already very near to. Now to get on with it! Is the first "u" in Unus long or short? Use less black and more blue on Marvel Girl's hood—in certain panels she looked like a female Zorro. Change her hairstyle to exactly what it was originally. Give Iceman back his boots. Keep Quicksilver and the Scarlet Witch in the Evil Mutants for the time being, but sometime in the future, hopefully in an X-MEN ANNUAL, have a climactic battle between the X-Men and the Evil Mutants at the end of which Pietro and Wanda go out on their own. Magneto can fill out the membership with Unus, the Blob, the Vanisher or any new mutants introduced by then. Have Scott as leader two-thirds of the time. Standardize all announcements to be run in all your mags (such as those concerning the M.M.M.S.) as you've done with the plugs for other mags. Push your deadlines back so that more mags come out in the latter part of the month, and replace the pushed-back ones with more frequent X-MEN. By the way, in X-MEN #8's last panel, the Angel had no wings. I hope this wins the super-boner no-prize for this ish!

Brian Yates, 1094 Chestnut St.
Newton, Mass. 02164

Well, brother Yates, we could take the coward's way out and say that Angel's wings are folded back so that you can't see them! But, we won't be stingy with our no-prizes—you'll get yours in no time! (Literally!) The first U in Unus is long, and, for the rest of your comments, you'll have to wait till we hear what our fellow mutant-lovers out there in comic land have to say! Okay?

Dear Stan and Jack,

About two years ago I took a solemn oath never to read another comic. Every one I had read up to then was pretty bad. The dialogue was too corny to be true and so were the characters presented to us. Yet, I had always been a science fiction bug. I'll read almost any science fiction story that comes along. My favorites are Arthur C. Clark, Poul Anderson, Robert Heinlein, and Damon Knight. Then, one day I happened upon a FANTASTIC FOUR book and read it. Holy Smoke, that was living—it was great! The Thing was so believable, he was real. From there it was easy. I then got a hold of X-MEN, THOR and SPIDER-MAN. This year I enter the University of

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John Gunther, 48 Lafountain St.
Winona, Minn.

On the contrary, Johnny boy—thanks for your fine letter! Strangely enough, we couldn't find a thing to disagree with!

Dear Stan and Jack,

When Iceman walks, why doesn't he slip? I slip when I'm on ice but he doesn't and he's made of ice. Now let's see you get out of that one!

Philip Rizzo, 538 W. Concourse
Cliffwood Beach, N.J.

Sorry, Phil—we don't have to get out of that by ourselves! Not when we have so many greedy readers who are hungry for one of our no-value no-prizes! All we have to do is announce that we'll give a brand-new, non-existent no-prize for the best answer to your question—and we'll print the winning answer a few issues hence! (Admit it, pal—we're more slippery than Iceman!)

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Dear Stan and Jack,

I'm writing this letter to you in particular about the Marvel style. It lacks quality. You constantly brag that you guys at Marvel have more talent than any other comic

company. This just isn't true. The thing that's wrong with your company is that most of your artists and you don't take the comic book business seriously—as an art. Most of your artists are overworked. Kirby's artwork is the bare necessity—there's no (at least very little) refinement. Kirby did good art when Marvel entered the superhero field, but his art is now unpleasing to the discerning comic book fan. Don Heck and Dick Ayers are doing work like it should be done at Marvel. Their art on the AVENGERS is great. Before, I close, I'd like to say that despite my above comments, I do enjoy your books.

Norman Penovich, 220 Licking
Toledo, Ohio 43605

Whew! You had us worried there for a minute, Norm! (Are you sure you're not related to darlin' Dick or dazzlin' Don?) Anyway, we won't try to argue about Jack's artwork . . . you're entitled to your own bone-head opinion! However, what we do want to know is when did we ever say we have more talent than any other comic mag company? We say so many nutty things, that you can criticize us all day by quoting us correctly . . . you don't have to invent remarks to pick on! Anyway, we still love you—even though jolly Jack is muttering that you'll never get a no-prize from him!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Your mags are really *marvelous*, but what's with Marvel Girl's mask? In X-MEN #1 it covered her head with just the end of her hair and lower face showing. Then, in #8, her mask was changed with all her hair showing, and the mask itself came up to two points in front. I've also seen it where the mask comes just to the top of her forehead and all her hair is showing. Then in #8, which I got through my subscription, it is shown back to the way it was in #1. This isn't supposed to be a gripe but I was just curious. Also, did you get the name 'Marvel Girl' from the Marvel Age of Comics?

Jack Wickman, Rt. #3, Moran
Spokane, Wash.

Well, we sure didn't get it from Disneyland! Actually, we can't quite remember where the name came from. We were just sitting around, bating the breeze one day and before we knew it, zowee—there she was! And don't blame us for all those mask changes, Jackson! Did you ever see a gal who'd wear the same thing day in and day out?

Dear Stan and Jack,

Congratulations for another truly fine story in X-MEN #8. Chic Stone is finally getting the hang of inking the King's pencils, and the artwork continues to improve in every respect. Stan's stories are just the greatest. His excellent characterization of each of the X-Men make this one of my favorites in the Marvel Group. (Hah! They're all my favorites!) I cannot express my unbounded joy in discovering all of the merry mad Marvel Group have their very own lettercols! What a MARVELous achievement! As for the story itself, I'm glad to see the X-Men fighting an evil mutant, for this is the purpose for which they were formed. And let's not have Hank McCoy become another Reed Richards, coming up with super-duper radium-powered ultra-sonic infra-red computer-programmed laser-type whatchumaycallit in the nick of time to save the X-Men from defeat. Actually, the reason I cheered the arrival of the lettercols is that I enjoy reading Stan's comments at the end of each letter even more than reading the letters themselves! The M.M.M.S. sounds like a great idea—I went crazy for a month trying to decipher it! I sincerely hope it is successful since it will be we, the readers, who will come out ahead!

Mike Murano, 39 Lynn St.
Peabody, Mass. 01960

Don't worry, Mike, it'll be successful if we haveta buy all the memberships ourselves! And that super-duper radium-powered whatsis you describe sounds real interesting! Stan says he'd like you to send him a description of it . . . it's just what the Beast needs!

Dear Stan and Jack,

As a student studying psychology and an experimenter in parapsychology, it irks me to see you continually use the wrong word in reference to Marvel Girl's ability. The term 'telekinesis' is obsolete, and it is only used now in reference to mediums and their table-moving activities

during a seance. The proper term used by all parapsychologists is psychokinesis which can be abbreviated and called P.K. This could come in handy during a battle scene when the less words used, the better for the story. However, this is the only fault I could find in your comic which is my favorite among all of the great Marvel Comics.

Judith Danwit, 7720 S.W. 16th St.
Miami, Fla. 33155

A fault! Someone actually, finally found a fault in a Marvel comic! Stop the presses! This is a black day for the publishing biz! Let's have a moment of silence! Oh, Judy, Judy, how could you? And besides, if we saved space by abbreviating P.K. in our stories, we'd have to use up more space with footnotes explaining what P.K. means for those who are as old-fashioned as we are!

Dear Stan and Jack,

How do you guys think up all these great mags? Your F.F. is fabulous, DAREDEVIL is fantastic, and X-MEN is almost worthy of being as great as the F.F. Need I say more? My brother recently picked up a copy of the great MONSTERS TO LAUGH WITH, and as I was reading it, I looked on the first page and there was your name—STAN LEE—in black-and-white. Is it really the Stan Lee I know or another one?

Jerry Zimler, 98 Gilmar Lane
Roslyn Heights, L.I., N.Y.

If you liked M.T.L.W., it's the Stan Lee—otherwise, it's two other guys! Incidentally, the third ish of MONSTERS Etc. should be on sale by now, and this time Stan's name appears on the cover in color! Our big-hearted boss, merry Marty Goodman, granted the smilin' one that privilege in lieu of a bonus!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

—If the answers to the letters on these pages seem even whackier than usual, please forgive us! It's now well after midnight, and our heads are spinning from having just finished this Ka-Zar yarn in time to get it to the printer (we hope!). Anyway, we think that Zabu's long-haired pard is the most exciting new character we've come up with in months—and if you don't agree, we're liable to bring Magneto back again for another four issues! Let us know fast, huh? We're sitting on the edge of our seats!

—So many readers have asked why we don't publish the X-MEN monthly (as well as asking the same thing about DAREDEVIL) that we decided to answer that question here where you'll all see it. It's really very simple—we know we'd sell twice as many by printing them each month instead of every two months, but due to the type of stories we use, these two mags take longer to create than most of our others. So, rather than take the chance of missing a deadline, or of giving you a carelessly done strip because we were rushing too much, we'd prefer to do only one every two months, and make that one as good as we possibly can! However, if we can ever find some extra time—we promise to try for twelve a year! Okay?

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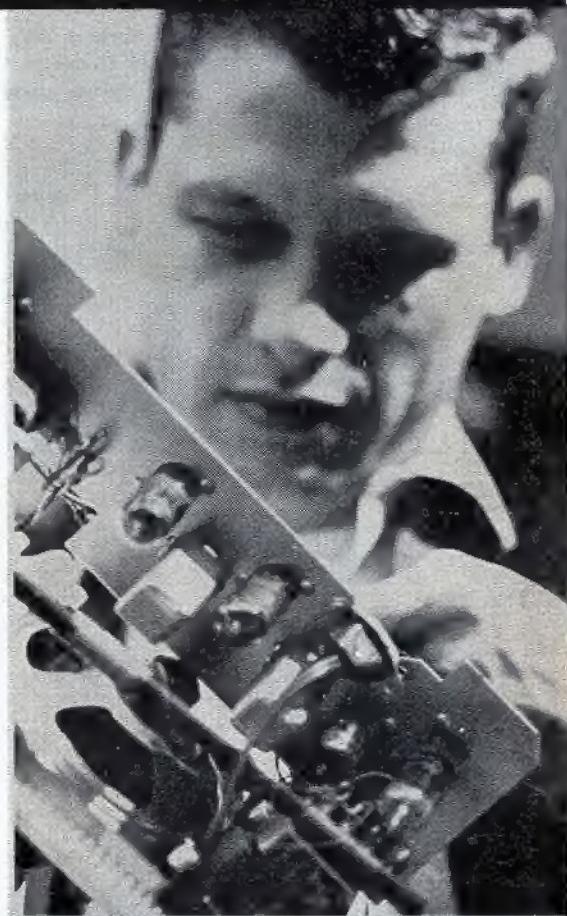
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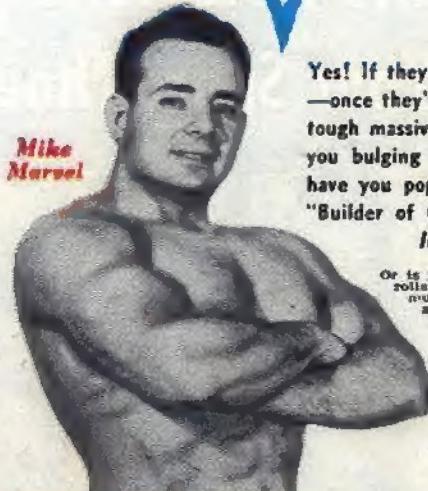
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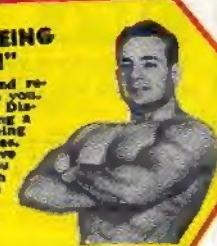
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